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“The Congress and the President have removed the 30 patient group practice limitation on the use of buprenorphine for the treatment of opiate addiction. By removing this barrier, our healthcare system can greatly improve access to recovery for many of our citizens currently addicted to prescription painkillers or heroin.

“I want to applaud the physicians who are prescribing this medication to help their patients who became addicted to opiates and I am reassured that early concerns about the abuse potential of buprenorphine have not come to pass. We at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration pledge to continue working with the medical community and addiction treatment experts to ensure that any person who is in need of addiction treatment for opiate addiction can find a qualified physician in the community who can provide treatment.”

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